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SENATE AND HOUSE.

Doings of Both Branches of Congress.

APPROPRIATION BILLS PASSED.

The Fortification and the Military Academy Measures Disposed Of, and the Pension Appropriation Taken Up by the Senate — Nothing Done in the House — Other Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—In the senate yesterday the credentials of Jacob H. Gallinger as a senator from New Hampshire were presented and filed. There were several heated passages between Messrs. Dawes and Cockrell owing to the latter's severe criticism of Mr. Edward Atkinson's views and action on the silver and other economic questions. Mr. Dawes defended Mr. Atkinson as one of his constituents, although he was of the opposite political affiliation. The only effect of the discussion was to adjourn the senate. The fortification appropriation bill was then considered and a number of committee amendments were agreed to and the bill was passed. The military academy appropriation bill was reported and passed, and the pension appropriation bill taken up, but went over as unfinished business. The senate then after a brief executive session adjourned.

In the house, J. A. Owenby, the silver pool witness was, by resolution, discharged from the custody of the sergeant-at-arms. In committee of the whole on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, Mr. McAdoo, of New Jersey, said that he highly approved of the letter of the secretary of the state to Mr. Baker, of New York, on Canadian reciprocity, in which he stated that the contention of the Canadian statesmen that the United States was anxious for partial reciprocity, was untrue. Containing he said that the United States should have unrestricted trade and commercial union or that it should have no commercial dealings with Canada. The bill was then laid aside with favorable recommendation and the committee proceeded to a consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. After a long discussion the committee rose and the diplomatic appropriation bill was passed. The house then adjourned.

Treaty on the Slave Trade.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The senate, in secret session yesterday, removed the injunction of secrecy from the treaty entered into at Brussels last July between the United States and a number of other powers, for the suppression of the African slave trade. The treaty has not yet been ratified by the senate, and Secretary Blaine, in his letter transmitting it to the president, says that as the act provides for the deposit of ratiocinates at Brussels by July 2 next, it is very desirable that the senate should take action during its present session.

The act embraces provisions for the repression of the slave trade, and the restrictions of the importation into and the sale in a certain defined zone of the African continent of fire arms, ammunition and spirituous liquors.

The act is signed by the representatives of eighteen nations, including the president of the United States, nearly all of the European sovereigns, and the Shah of Persia, the Sultan of Turkey and the Sultan of Zanzibar. As a means of effecting the abolition of the slave trade, an international bureau is to be established at Zanzibar, as well as strongly occupied posts in Central Africa, the construction of roads and railways and the establishment of steamboats on inland waters, supported by fortified posts.

In the afternoon the senate held another executive session, at which the treaty was read. After a brief discussion it went over without action.

Fate of the Silver Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The complicated state of affairs on the senate silver bill in the house committee on coinage, weights, measures, has caused Senator Stewart to resort to a device sometimes practiced in congress to secure speedy action on a bill. Mr. Stewart has come to the conclusion that the fate of the silver bill is jeopardized in the house coinage committee, and in order to prevent unfavorable action on it, he made a movement to take it out of the hands of that committee by submitting the silver bill as an amendment intended to be proposed to the pension appropriation bill. The amendment was referred to the appropriation committee, and whether the committee agrees to report it favorably or not, Mr. Stewart can call it up in the senate while the pension bill is under discussion. If it should be passed by the senate, and there is every reason to believe it will be, the amendment, as part of the pension bill, will be sent to the house and there it can be called up and voted on as part of the pension bill. Jurisdiction over the bill can in this way be taken from the coinage committee.

The Other See outlet Strip.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The house committee on territories yesterday ordered a favorable report on a substitute for the bill introduced in the house by Mr. Mancur providing for opening the Cherokee outlet to settlement. The substitute opens the outlet to settlement under the homestead laws at \$1.25 per acre and provides punishment for illegal entry. It will carry an appropriation of seven or eight million dollars.

War Vests Ordered to Chile.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The navy department has ordered the Peninsular, which is stationed at Mactan, to proceed to Chile, and the Baltimore, of Boston, to proceed to the Chilean coast. The orders were issued several days ago, but were not made public until yesterday. They are now no United States men-of-war in Chile, and the country is in trouble regarding the possibility of having a naval force at the port of Valparaiso. None of the vessels on the Pacific station were available for this purpose. The Peninsular will have to round Cape Horn, and is not expected to reach Chile for three weeks, while the Baltimore will not reach Chile for about four weeks.

Attempt on a Mayor's Life.

GALTSMITH, Ga., Feb. 5.—A disastrous attempt was made Monday night to kill Dr. John Smith, mayor of Lula, Georgia, by shooting a window in his residence about half past midnight and discharging 1200 rounds of shot gun at him as he lay in bed. The bullet took a set in his leg. His wound will prove fatal. There is no clue to the assassin.

DOWN IN A MINE.

Seventeen Men Meet Instant Death.

THEIR BODIES UNDER WATER.

Weeks Must Elapse Before the Mine Can Be Pumped Out and the Dead Bodies Recovered — List of Victims.

WHITE HAVEN, Pa., Feb. 5.—At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, while Charles Boyle and Patrick Coll, of Leviston, were engaged in drilling a hole in their chamber in No. 10 slope of J. C. Hayden & Company's mine, at Jeannsville, they broke into the old No. 8 slope which had been idle for five years and which had been flooded to the mouth with water. William Brislane, a driver, was close by and he cried out, "Boys, for God's sake, run for your lives or you will be drowned."

In a moment thereafter the water came, and Brislane barely escaped with his life. Besides him, six others escaped. They are: Henry Gibbons, John News, John and Charles Boyle, William Coll and Patrick Coll.

The water rose rapidly, and before any attempt could be made to rescue any of the other workmen the slope, which is 621 feet deep, was flooded to the mouth and they were caught and drowned.

The lost are: Lawrence Reed, married; has eight children.

Edward Gillister, married; two children.

James Griffiths, married; one child.

James Ward, married; eight children.

Harry Bull, married; seven children.

Joseph Matskowitch, married; four children.

Barney McCloskey, single.

Patrick Kelly, single.

Jake Winsto, single.

Mike Smith, single.

John Berne, single.

Tom Gilk, married; one child.

Tom Tomashay, married; three children.

Joe Astro, single.

Bacco Frink, single.

Thomas Greko, single.

John Boyle, single.

Samuel Porter, single.

The news of the disaster caused great excitement, and the mouth of the slope was soon thronged with anxious families and relatives of the workmen and others. The scenes when it was positively known who were lost were heart-rending. Wives implored pitifully of the miners standing by, who knew only too well the fatal result to save their husbands from the terrors of a watery grave. Little children crying for their papas and relatives praying for the safety of their loved ones. The sorrowing wives, relatives and friends were finally convinced that there was no hope of rescuing any of the men, and were led away from the scene of this new mine horror by sympathetic hands to their homes.

A large force of men was immediately put at work pumping out the water. How long it will take is a question since no definite idea of the volume of water can be ascertained. Some of the miners say it will take four weeks before the bodies can be reached, but others in line to the opinion that it will take much longer.

Brislane, one of the men who escaped, said to a reporter: "I was waiting at the bottom of the slope for a trip to come out. Suddenly I heard a loud noise and thought it was the cars coming out. Then a frightful blast of wind came and knocked me down the gangway. The wind blew my lamp out. I tried to run for the slope, but stumbled and fell. Then John Boyle and John News came running out. News' lamp was burning and by the aid of this we got to the place. The water came pouring after us as we ran. When we got to the slope the light went out. We lost Boyle. We ran as fast as we could and the water came running after us, rising very quickly. In five minutes the water raised 200 yards to the mouth of the slope, the level of which is 30 degrees.

Many causes are advanced as to the cause of the great disaster. Some charge it to neglect to notify the workmen of the dangerous proximity of the water, as only a few of the old miners knew of the presence of the great body of water in the old slopes. Even those who knew of it had no idea that the workings were driven as near to the water as they were. The civil engineer in charge of the Jeannsville mines was a man from Pottsville named LaFever Womelsdorf.

ANOTHER SIMILAR ACCIDENT.

Three Men Meet Death in the Second Disaster.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 5.—A cave occurred in No. 3 slope at Grand Tunnel, opposite Narrows, yesterday afternoon. Three men were shot in the mine, and as the place is filled with water, it is supposed they are drowned. The accident occurred in No. 5 gallery of the Susquehanna Coal company. In an adjacent part of the mine, which was closed, was a great body of water. In the adjoining chamber a number of miners were at work blasting. An unusually heavy charge was fired and exploded the wall that the heavy volume of water broke its way through.

Some of the miners were going and ran for their lives ahead of the rushing flood. Three men, John Ritter, Mike Schell and William C. Rager, did not hear the warning in time and were closed in their hands. The men are all married and leave large families. The subterranean workings covering

scores of acres are rapidly filling with water.

Ohio Legislature.

The Day's Transactions of the Senate and House.

A BANKING MEASURE PASSED.

All Private Banking Institutions in the State to Be Inspected Once a Year by an Official Appointed by the Governor.

Other State News.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5.—The senate passed Senator Cole's bill, providing for the inspection of private banks. It provides for the appointment by the governor of a state bank examiner at a salary of \$1,000 a year, whose duty it shall be to examine, at least once a year, all the private banking institutions in the state except loan and building associations. To maintain and pay this officer, the banks are to pay an annual fee according to the amount of their capital stock. Banks with a capital of \$5,000 are to pay \$30. Those with a capital from \$5,000 to \$50,000 are to pay \$35, and those with a greater capital \$40. The first examiner will serve from the date of his appointment to the third Monday in February, 1892. The term after that will be for two years.

The senate also passed Mr. Alexander's bill giving probate judge power to fine and imprison all owners of dogs who refuse to pay taxes on dogs.

The house defeated Mr. Williams' bill providing for biennial sessions of the general assembly. The discussion on the merits of the measure occupied the whole forenoon and was quite spirited. Among those who favored the bill were Messrs. McElveen, Laylin and Griffin. The most prominent in opposition to the measure were Messrs. Geyer, Gear, Sanford, Critchfield and Taylor, of Champaign.

A stop in educational advancement was taken by the state when the lower branch of the general assembly passed Mr. Hyatt's bill providing for a fixed income for the state university.

Senator Sonorant introduced a bill amending the statutes so as to reduce the penalties in the following rates: From 5 per cent. to 4 per cent., from 10 per cent. to 9 per cent., from 15 per cent. to 14 per cent., and from 25 per cent. to 24 per cent.

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Mr. Hart introduced a bill to compel telephone companies to make an annual report to the state commissioner of railroads and telegraphs. The bill gives this official power over the telephone companies like he has over the railroad and telegraph companies and puts them under similar restraints.

Senator Hart introduced a bill to regulate the practice of hypnotism in Ohio. The bill prohibits the practice of this subtle art upon any one unless a reputable third party is present and unless the consent of the victim is given. It makes the offender liable to punishment for malpractice.

TWO MEN KILLED.

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New Incorporations.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 5.—The following articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state yesterday: The Akron Shoe company, Akron, capital stock \$1,000; the Supreme Circle of the Order of Olympia, Columbus; the Middleborough Paper company, Middleborough, increase of capital stock from \$100,000 to \$150,000; the Franklin Insurance company, Columbus, reduction of capital stock from \$100,000 to \$100,000; the Twin City Electric Street Railway Light and Power company, Dennison and Ulyssesville, capital stock \$25,000; the Garrettsville and Hiram Railway company, Garrettsville, capital stock \$10,000; the H. F. West & Brother company, Cincinnati, an amendment changing name to the West & Lee company.

Strikers Resume Work.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 5.—The conductors, switchmen and brakemen on this division of the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago road, who went on a strike Tuesday, received their pay for December yesterday and at once resumed work.

Against the Pinkertons.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 5.—A bill was passed by the house yesterday prohibiting any company or corporation from employing a armed forces while a strike is pending.

SENATORIAL FIGHTS.

The Contests in Illinois and South Dakota Still Unsettled.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 5.—Both houses of the legislature met in joint session at noon, and proceeded to take the fifty-seventh ballot for United States senator. It resulted: Palmer, 101; Cockrel, 101. Cockrel, it was understood, was sick, and the Republicans and F. M. B. A. did not vote.

The Alliance members have named to the Republicans three men, any one of whom they are willing to unite with the Republicans to elect. It is thought that the dead is being arranged.

Prospects of a Combine.

PIERRE, S. Dak., Feb. 2.—Balloting for United States senator began at noon, resulting: Moody, Republican, 39; Tripp, Democrat, 33; Campbell, Independent, 33; Melville, Republican, 20. The legislature then adjourned. It is thought the Democrats and Independents will combine on a man in a day or two.

University President Inaugurated.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 5.—Professor C. F. Swett, formerly of Minneapolis, was yesterday inaugurated as president of Western Reserve university, of this city.

Ex-President Hayes delivered a brief address and President Elliott, of Bardwell university, delivered the address of welcome.

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